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PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th June 2017 – The Body and Blood of Christ

This is Day for Life

It is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. There will be a second collection next weekend for the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. Please pick up a prayer card from the porch.

We Need You! Please Sign Up to Help Your Parish

Please see the lists at the back of the Churches and consider signing up to help our Parish Community.

Baptism Preparation

The next Course for parents and expectant parents who wish to have a child baptised at Sacred Heart or St John Fisher will be on Monday 17th July at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please pick up a form from the church porch to register for the course and request the Baptism.

Feast Days of St John Fisher and The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please see the details at the end of the newsletter about Feast Day Masses. The trip to Rochester Cathedral on Monday is now full. Following the Mass and Benediction at St John Fisher on Thursday evening, you are welcome to meet in the The Saxon King for a "buy your own drink" celebration. **Sorry but there will not be a 7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart on Friday 23rd June.**

Strawberry Themed Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart

The Social Committee invite you to a Strawberry Themed Coffee Morning after 11.00am Mass next Sunday (25th June). Treat yourself to a strawberry scone and cream tea plus many great raffle prizes.

Thank you from Christina Izod

Christina would like to thank Fr Graham for the beautiful funeral service he conducted for John. Thank you also for the kind support and sympathy cards received.

KSC Welfare & Benefit Advice Centre

Saturday 1st July at Sacred Heart Church Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm the advice centre will be open to all, Catholics or non-Catholics. Whether you have financial, housing, benefit or any other problem we will not advise but point you in the right direction to organisations vastly experienced such as Christians Against Poverty, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Citizens Advice Bureau, Essex Savers (Credit Union) and many more. All enquiries will be treated with the strictest confidence. Next week's newsletter will carry much more information.

Milly's Book by her friends in the Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

Most of you knew Milly Wake, a really active member of the parish, our prayer group and beloved wife of Peter.

When she died on 8th February this year, she had requested that instead of flowers, any donations be put into a Lourdes fund to help send members of our parish to Lourdes. She'd been countless times herself and wanted to help as many people as possible have a chance to share that experience. So as a prayer group, we decided to write a book and sell it to you. All proceeds going directly to the Lourdes fund.

With the help of Liam Rand and the Knights of St Columba, we've done it! We've called it Milly's book by her friends, and we tried to capture the essence of who she was and what was really important to her, spiritually. This book has many things. It has poetry, funny anecdotes, prayers, pictures, reflections. We didn't want the book to just be an extended memory book. It's also a book to reference and return to when you want a prayer of inspiration, or you want to learn more about Lourdes, or you want to do the Stations. Even if you can't get to church to join us, it's a meditation you can do any time, in the comfort of your home.

It's printed in colour throughout, has a glossy cover too and we're selling it for £5. It is available after mass, with all proceeds going directly to the Lourdes fund. Any queries please contact Marianna on 07813 207497.

Parish Magazine

The next edition will be published the weekend 1st/2nd July and the deadline for articles is this weekend. Please hand your articles to Liam or Paul or preferably email: liam.rand@bopenworld.com or phone Liam 07952 954833. There is advertising space available at very modest rates please speak to Sandy.

FOSH Summer Fayre

Friday 7th July from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Come and join us for some summer fun. Bouncy castles, BBQ, face painting, bottle tombola, Cafe FOSH and many more fantastic stalls. Entry via Windermere Road.

London to Southend Bike Ride

Sally has agreed for me to complete the London - Southend bike ride on her birthday 16th July! Last year I did not complete any charity rides, but I'm back this year!

I am requesting sponsorship for two different projects at our churches. At St John Fisher Hall refurbishment of the toilets is needed urgently and at Sacred Heart, the alter floor needs replacing. All sponsorship will go directly to these projects, as I pay the entrance fee and travel costs on the day. So not 1p is taken away from the projects! Sponsorship forms are available in both church porches and I will be at all weekend Masses over the next few weeks seeking your sponsorship. Thank you. *Peter Slattery*

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 22nd July – join Bishop Alan, Father Graham, the clergy of the Diocese and parishes to celebrate to Diocesan Centenary. For this once in a lifetime event you will need to bring a packed lunch and something to sit on for Mass in the Abbey Grounds (something you can comfortably carry with you during the one mile procession). We will be departing Sacred Heart Church at 7am and Saint John Fisher ten minutes later. The price has been reduced to £15 this applies to new bookings and those already booked (those who have paid will receive a refund of the balance). Adults £15 – Children Free (10 places only - thereafter children will be charged at the adult rate). Please speak to Sandy or Liam or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st -2 nd July	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	17 th -18 th June 24 th -25 th June	Tinned or long life sponge puddings, tinned potatoes, packet mash, tinned or packet custard, biscuits, toilet rolls and toiletries.

SVP St John Bosco Camp

SVP St John Bosco Camp offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside which is run with a Catholic ethos. 29th July to 5th August for boys and 5th to 12th August for girls. For details contact Peter Wake of the SVP.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory

Sunday 16th July for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Coach from the bus stop opposite Nazareth House at 9.00 am. Mass 12.00 Noon. To book seat on the coach please telephone Bernadette Lane On 01702 421891 or 07963 300518. Fare £12.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

Diocesan Centenary Lecture

Wednesday 21st June, at 7.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Admission free – bookstall available.- Father Martin Boland will speak on 'The Diocese Today – A Reflection'.

Meeting the Living God Seminar

Saturday 24th June at the Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT from 10.30am to 12 noon. Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon will speak on "God has a dream for each one of us".

Abbotswick House of Prayer 30th Anniversary

At Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Navestock, Brentwood on Saturday 8th July from 11.30am to 4.30pm. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm by Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Emeritus Thomas Mc Mahon. You are invited to bring a packed lunch. Cake and refreshments will be provided.

Fr Thomas Byles – Blue Plaque

Fr Thomas Byles was an English Catholic priest who famously remained on board the Titanic hearing confessions and giving absolution while it was sinking. We will be unveiling a blue plaque at the Presbytery at St. Helen's Church in Ongar (87 High Street, Ongar, CM5 9DX) stating that Fr Thomas Byles lived here. Fr Emile will be blessing the plaque on Sunday 9th July at 3.00pm, followed by a small celebration. All are welcome!

St. Thomas More High School - Open Evening

Thursday, 6th July 6.00p.m. to 9.00pm - for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2018 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils. The Head teacher's talk will begin at 7.00pm. Prospective sixth form students for September 2018 are also welcome. Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2018 should complete the Local Education Authority Single Application Form (SAF) and the Supplementary Information Form (SIF). The SIF form is available at WWW.ST-THOMSMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK.

St Thomas More High School Memorial Mass & Social

The annual St Thomas More High School Memorial Mass & Social will take place this coming Thursday (22nd June) in the school at 8pm.

All past pupils, governors and members of staff are invited to attend to remember those deceased members of the school community and, after the Mass, enjoy a sumptuous buffet whilst renewing acquaintances with past school friends and former teachers/colleagues.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Jordan and Oliye Aneke who were baptised last weekend.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Barbara Wells, Murtagh Murphy, John Kelly, Dennis Clark, James Greer, Claudia Grace Wells, Bp Bernard Wall, Krystyna Oraczko, Eamonn Loughran, Michael Houlahan, Jane Donachie, John Gammell, Lucy Davey, Teresa Haigh, Fr Vincent Dutton, Edith Harmon, Florence O'Callaghan, Albertus Smits, Frederick Chapman, Patrick Smith and Maud McCabe.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; for Jack Allen, Val Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Marie Biner, Andrew Bines, Julie Borg, Barbara Briggs, David Bunce, Richard Campbell-Carr, Eric Carpenter, Sena Carson, Jenny Chappell, Paul Clark, Chris Coath, Ann Cummings, Joy Curtis, Mary Curtis, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, June Deighton, John Dermody, Richard Dixon, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, Roy Fitchew, Laura Fulu, Katie Fitzpatrick, Binella French, Dorothy George, Margaret Gibbons, Clare Giffen, Lesley Googe, Joseph Honeyands, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jnr, Teresa Igoe, Alex Jackson, Kiesha, Margaret Lee, Tony Lee, Elaine Liddon, "Dana" Danuta Luniewski, Barbara McHugo, Barbara Ann McLoughlin, Carol Middleton, James Moloney, Dr Johnson Odufuwa, Margaret Parsad, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Irene Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Anita Rogers, Françoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Pete Wake and Patricia Walford.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 11th June 2017 £969.04

Diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund £390.23

There will be a second collection this weekend for Day for Life.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 17th June First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Thomas Cullen and William Snowdon RIP</i>	
Sunday 18th June The Body and Blood of Christ	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 2.00pm First Holy Communion Mass <i>Intentions of the First Holy Communion Children</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 19 th June Feria	9.00am <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Tuesday 20 th June St Alban		9.30am <i>Baby Irene Leith RIP</i>
Wednesday 21 st June St Aloysius Gonzaga	10.00am No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall.</i> 12 noon <i>In thanksgiving (DC)</i>	
Thursday 22 nd June Ss John Fisher and Thomas More	<i>(no Mass today)</i>	7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>The Community of St John Fisher Church</i>
Friday 23 rd June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.00am <i>(with the children and staff of Sacred Heart School)</i> <i>John Izod RIP</i>	
Saturday 24 th June Nativity of St John the Baptist	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 24th June First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 25th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Intentions of Emmanuel Clinton-Ekume</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Ozzy Daniel Bott</i>	9.00am <i>Pietro Di Mambro RIP</i>

The Angelus will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses from next weekend.

Rosary - The Holy Rosary is said in both Churches before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. It is also said at Sacred Heart after 9.00am weekday masses and 6.30pm when there is evening Mass.

Morning Prayer begins 15 minutes before weekday Masses.